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SUBJ: LIBYAN-USSR RELATIONS: DEPARTURE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR IVAN YAKUSHIN, DEAN OF TRIPOLI'S
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, DEPARTED LIBYA AUGUST 28 AFTER COMPLETING
SEVEN AND ONE-HALF YEARS SERVICE HERE. AT FAREWELL DINNER
HOSTED BY FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER SECRETARY AL-ATRASH, YAKUSHIN
WAS LAVISHLY PRAISED FOR HIS ROLE IN IMPROVING LIBYAN-USSR
RELATIONS. YAKUSHIN RESPONDED BY HEAPING KUDOS ON THE LIBYAN
REVOLUTION AND ITS LEADER AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR EVEN CLOSER
RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

2. LIBYAN PRAISE FOR YAKUSHIN CERTAINLY NOT MISPLACED. HE
HAS CERTAINLY COME FULL CIRCLE IN HIS APPRECIATION OF LIBYA'S
LEADERS AND ITS ROLE. OLDTIME TRIPOLI DIPLOMATS RECALL THAT
AS LATE AS 1973 AMBASSADOR YAKUSHIN PRIVATELY DENOUNCED
QADHAFI AS A MADMAN AND THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION WAS NONSENSE.

3. WHILE AMBASSADOR YAKUSHIN WAS ALWAYS COURTEOUS AND
FRIENDLY TO HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, HE WILL NOT BE
GREATLY MISSED BY THEM. HE WAS MUCH CRITICIZED FOR
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FAILING TO REPRESENT FORCEFULLY THE INTERESTS OF THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. DIPLOMATIC
COLLEAGUES PARTICULARLY RESENTED YAKUSHIN'S REFUSAL
TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE CORPS ON THE MATTER OF
IMPORTATION OF ALCHOL. YAKUSHIN ALWAYS TOOK THE
POSITION THAT THIS WAS STRICTLY A BILATERAL MATTER.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SURVIVED HIS SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS IN LIBYA IN APPARENTLY GOOD ORDER. HE HAS, HOWEVER, IN RECENT MONTHS PRIVATELY ADMITTED THAT DEALING WITH LIBYA WAS A VERY DIFFICULT AND FRUSTRATING MATTER. NEVERTHELSS, HIS MISSION HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A SUCCESS. HE REPORTS THAT HE IS RETURNING TO MOSCOW TO TAKE UP AN UNSPECIFIED POSITION IN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY. CARLE

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